

Hechts' Greater Stores.

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This store must be lower in price than any other store in town for the same qualities. It has been lower since its birth—it shall always be lower. You have much to thank this store for giving you. To compete with our other stores have lowered prices greatly, and by so doing you have bought for less than you did before. As they drop to meet us, down go our prices again.

A series of special sales today.

Shoe dept.

Lot of misses' tan button and lace shoes, in sizes 11-12 to 2-10 regular \$1.25—today..... **75c**

Lot of little boys' spring heel shoes, of satin and black and tan kid—every pair guaranteed—sizes 9 to 13-12—our regular \$1.25 shoes—today..... **98c**

Suit and skirt dept.

Lot of ladies' figured brilliant and novelty check cloth skirts—both sorts well made, well lined and finished—instead of \$2.50—today..... **\$1.19**

Lot of ladies' black English cheviot serge skirts—perfectly tailored garments, with silk-lined jackets, full in back—inverted pleat—in—instead of \$3—today..... **\$1.98**

Ladies' black and blue English cheviot serge suits—perfectly tailored garments, with silk-lined jackets, full in back—inverted pleat—in—instead of \$12.50—today..... **\$7.50**

Boys' dept.

1,000 boys' percale shirt waists—plotted—in the very best patterns—the best 25c waist possible to buy—today—go for..... **12 1/2c**

2,000 boys' wool cap—each in assortment of patterns—instead of 19c—today..... **9c**

Boys' wool knee pants—well made and strengthened—where they should be—instead of 28c—today..... **19c**

Boys' galatea cloth suits—blouse sailor suits—in four distinct colors—with plain collar and cuffs—braided-trimmed—each suit—today—you'll see selling for 98c—about..... **49c**

Lot of boys' all-wool suits, in sizes 7 to 16 years—in plaid, checks, and mixed effects—all double-breasted—today—instead of \$2.98, you get them..... **\$1.29**

Silk dept.

20-inch all-silk Chinas, in such shades as pink, gray, white, cream, cardinal, lavender, orange, blue, garnet, etc., instead of 25c a yard, at which they've often been sold,..... **19c**

Striped, check and corded wash silks, in such handsome combinations as turquoise and white, pink and white, lavender and white, light blue and white, black and white, etc., each yard—today..... **29c**

Dress goods dept.

Double-width heavy twisted serges, in such pretty shades as plum, green, brown, garnet, gray, heliotrope, and black, instead of 15c a yard,..... **10 3/4c**

Small lot of black figured brilliant—fine for shirts and ties, etc.,—each yard—today..... **6 1/2c**

10 pieces of yard-wide extra high lustre flannel—dust-proof black mohair, perfect black, 56c yard usually,..... **33c**

Wrappers, 49c.

All the percale, lawn, and batiste wrappers, the smoked and wrinkled garments left from the lot which we put on sale yesterday at 50c, will be sold today at 49c. There is splendid picking yet; the variety is immense; they are all the garments which would have sold for at least \$1.50—all well made and finished with separate waist lining and full skirts; some of them are trimmed with ruffles and some with braid and some with India linen embroidery ruffles. Choice for..... **49c**

Corsets, 12 1/2c.

A startling offer, but it is an actual ladies' white and gray corset—corset with row of three tucks, both garments finished in broken sides and some of them are slightly soiled, which sold when in full complete lines for 50c,..... **12 1/2c**

Corset covers and drawers, 12 1/2c.

Lot of ladies' embroidered-trimmed corset covers and muslin drawers, with row of three tucks, both garments finished with felled seams and full cut, for today..... **12 1/2c**

Child's hats, 25c.

Lot of children's straw crown hats trimmed with mill of different colors; 56c and 72c about town,..... **25c**

Infants' slips, 12 1/2c.

Lot of infants' cambric slips, such as sell for 25c, about town for today..... **12 1/2c**

Child's drawers, 9c.

Children's muslin drawers, in sizes up to three years; finished with 9c tucks, today..... **9c**

Sailors and untrimmed hats.

Lot of ladies' stylish sailors, in black, white and cream, with mixed straw, which sold for 98c to go—today..... **49c**

Lot of ladies' untrimmed hats, in all colors and shapes in rough and fancy braid, which sold for 69c,..... **69c**

Domestics.

50 pieces of extra fine soft finish white cambric muslin, such as sell for 36c yard, in full pieces, per yard..... **33c**

Yard-wide best make striped, check and plaid percale shirts, such as sell for 12 1/2c yard,..... **4c**

Men's dept.

Men's madras bosom shirts, in splendid assortment of colors with detachable cuffs, instead of 75c, today..... **25c**

Men's gauze bathgown shirts, in all sizes, with long sleeves, instead of 35c, today..... **19c**

Men's all-silk club ties in largest assortment of patterns, the 12 1/2c usual 25c ties, for today..... **12 1/2c**

Lining dept.

Plain and plaid gray lino, which sells for 80c yard, for..... **12c**

Best dressmaker's cambric, in all colors, and in full pieces, today..... **12c**

24-inch herringbone haircloth in gray and black, such as sell for 16c yard, will be sold today for..... **52c**

Table covers, 59c.

Lot of 10-quarter ready-made silver bleached german table covers, with embossed borders, instead of 89c for..... **59c**

Upholstery dept.

Best quality shelf oilcloth, in variety of patterns, will be sold today for..... **12c**

Reed roll body baby carriages, upholstered handsomely and have plush headrests; patent brake, complete with parol, for..... **\$5.98**

Ribbons and neckwear.

10,000 yards of all-silk and satin ribbons, in all shades and in a variety of widths, for today..... **9c**

Immense lot of plain taffeta all-silk ribbons, in widths of 3 to 6 inches, which sell regularly for 25c to 40c—will be sold today, per yard..... **15c**

Ladies' all-silk satin stock ties, with five tucks and in all colors, will be sold today..... **9c**

Underwear.

Ladies' white Swiss ribbed vests, with armholes and neck run with silk ribbon, instead of 12 1/2c, today..... **5 1/2c**

Children's "Nazarath" waists, in all sizes, instead of 25c, today..... **10 1/2c**

Shirt waists.

A tableful of ladies' percale and batiste and lawn shirt waists, a big variety of patterns, instead of 39c..... **39c**

Handkerchiefs.

Lot of ladies' white hemstitched handkerchiefs, in two sizes of hemstitch, such as sell usually for 10c,..... **12 1/2c**

Laces.

Lot of torcheon laces, with insertings to match, the usual 10c value,..... **3 1/2c**

Notions.

Clark's "O. N. T." spool cotton, for 2 1/2c spool..... **1c**

Turkish bath soap, for 1c cake, 10c to 15c pearl buttons, 2 1/2c dozen..... **39c**

Umbrellas.

Lot of ladies' and men's English Gloria umbrellas—steel rods—variety of handles—instead of 69c today..... **39c**

The Business Men.

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Association.

The Business Men's Association held its regular monthly meeting at the Metropolitan Hotel last night. About fifty members and visitors were present. President W. S. Knox occupied the chair, with W. S. McKean as secretary.

The names of the committees on press, public health, and conventions were read and approved, and the objects of the committees were explained by the secretary. The committee on public health will meet next week for organization.

The report shows thirty-seven new members joined last meeting, making a total membership of 600. P. K. Raymond offered an amendment to the by-laws, empowering the board of directors to suspend any monthly meeting or meetings. The resolution was adopted.

It was decided to appropriate \$25 to provide the Mystic Shrine, who hold a convention in Buffalo this year, with advertising badges and banners of regalia, with Washington as the site for the 1900 convention.

A motion to hold the next meeting of the association in Wilmett Hall was adopted. The meeting then adjourned until May 16.

By its use strength is maintained, the blood kept pure, and disease can't find Bitters.

Why Men are Wearing the Herring Shoe

It's the Nobbiest Shoe in Town. It's the Best Made Shoe in Town. It's Hand-made, and worth \$2.50. It's \$1.00 less than Others Ask.

"Shoes Shined Free."

Herring's Shoe House, "910 F Street."

GRAPHIC SIGNS IN THE STOCK MARKET

A Small Volume of Business Well Distributed.

The Strength of the Granger Shares a Feature of the Day.

A Wide Range of Fluctuation in the Specialties—A Firm Undertone to It All.

New York, April 18.—Today's stock market presented many appearances of irregularity, but in the main it showed a firm undertone. The dealings were not so large as yesterday, but they were very well distributed throughout the several quarters. There were simultaneous active dealings in Louisville and Nashville, the grangers, the industrials, and the local transportation shares. This diversification of interests may be accounted a wholesome sign against the prolonged concentration of activity in a few of the specialties.

The strength of the granger shares was a noteworthy feature of the market, developing as it did with the first of the serious crop scares of the season and the buying of these stocks was not checked by the sustained advance in wheat. Probably their strength was to a great extent due to the excellent showing made by the St. Paul company of the second week of April, the returns being again the high record for the period.

The advance in Southern Railway and Louisville and Nashville, two stocks which have long been out of the speculative current, had no particular explanation aside from considerations of the merits of the stocks and their comparative status in an otherwise more or less inflated market.

The current earnings of both roads are well in excess of last year's returns, notwithstanding the special traffic movement on account of the opening of hostilities with Spain, which was then beginning to swell the earnings of the Southern lines.

The dividend policy of the Louisville and Nashville Company was formulated at its last annual meeting, and there is no doubt that the holders of Southern Railway preferred will receive gradually increasing returns on their investment from this time on.

Other stocks which were not checked by the granger shares, furnished the bulk of the dealings in the railway list.

The specialties and the industrial shares continued to furnish the most active fluctuations in the day's market. Rapid Transit and Manhattan and Tennessee Coal and Iron were conspicuous features of the day's market.

The rapid transit stocks followed the report that the Court of Appeals had refused to continue the injunction. Manhattan Railway was strong on the abandonment of the underground railway undertaking by the Metropolitan Company.

The stock of the latter company, on the other hand, was weak.

The pronounced movements in this quarter were in North American and Chicago Consolidated Traction. London houses traded in about 1,500 shares, selling a small amount on balance. The market closed strong and generally higher.

New York Stock Market.

Corrected daily by W. B. Hibbs & Co., members of the New York Exchange, 1419 F Street.

	Open	High	Low	Close
American Cotton Oil	38 1/2	39 1/2	38 1/2	38 3/4
Am. Sugar Ref.	104 1/2	105 1/2	104 1/2	104 3/4
Am. Tobacco	21 1/2	22 1/2	21 1/2	21 3/4
Am. Wool	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Zinc	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Steel	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Copper	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Lead	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Tin	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Iron	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Coal	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Gas	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Electric	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Telephone	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Water	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Paper	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Printing	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Book	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Stationery	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Office	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Furniture	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Hardware	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Tools	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Machinery	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Textiles	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Lumber	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Brick	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Cement	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Glass	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Pottery	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Jewelry	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Watches	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Clocks	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Toys	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Games	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Books	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Maps	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Globes	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Instruments	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Optical	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Scientific	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Medical	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Veterinary	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Agricultural	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Commercial	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Industrial	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Marine	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Naval	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Military	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Artillery	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Cavalry	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Infantry	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Engineers	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Signal	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Telegraph	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Postal	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Railway	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Steamship	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Airline	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Automobile	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Motor	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Bicycle	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Sporting	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Amusement	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Entertainment	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Recreation	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Pastime	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Leisure	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Relaxation	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Refreshment	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Entertainment	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Recreation	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Pastime	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Leisure	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Relaxation	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4
Am. Refreshment	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 3/4

Not good as a large section of the general public has not yet got over its habit of considering the company a failure and its stock worthless.

Continental Tobacco common stock is fulfilling the predictions of the numerous speculators that it will have a rapid advance in price. The movement is erratic, however, and at any time it may have its end, and a tumble after, even more rapid. In the opinion of conservative people the Continental Tobacco Company is one of the new industrial concerns of which the banks and other lenders of money have good reason to be wary.

The general industrial and specialty list cannot be said to have made a particularly brilliant record for itself. The big advances in prices on other recent days. Those who gamble in these stocks have a feeling well defined that for the risk they take they should get good "action" for their money, and yesterday the fluctuations of Brooklyn Rapid Transit, Chicago Gas, Manhattan and the Federal Steels are likely to be the flower stocks to move today if the market is buoyant.

The gossip of Brooklyn Rapid Transit yesterday was that a decision of the Appellate Court at Albany relative to one of the Brooklyn street railways will be entirely favorable to the Brooklyn Rapid Transit system. The court decided that the lease of the Brooklyn City Railroad shall be annulled, finally affirming the judgment of the lower courts in the case. This removes the last obstacle in the way of complete control of all the Brooklyn surface lines by the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company.

One of the gratifying movements yesterday was the advance of Southern Railway and Louisville and Nashville. Southern went up to 62 1/2 and closed at 63, a net gain of nearly a point. The price advanced in any future advance of the general market these stocks will both be in the lead, in a conservative way. Southern preferred, especially, is looked upon as one of the best stocks on the list, at present price, and with its fine prospects.

There is a tip to buy Norfolk and Western preferred.

American Cotton Oil yesterday continued the advance so well begun yesterday. The high point touched was 39 1/2, and the close was at 38 3/4, a net gain of nearly a point. This stock has been one of those picked out in the past by the market, and has a good advance in the bull market. Its earnings, dividends, and prospects are all of such an excellent character that careful market people have been surprised at its lagged movements up to this time.

The business on the local exchange yesterday was large, and prices strong and advancing. The various deals and support of the Stevens syndicate were responsible for a large part of the interest of the day. Over 1,200 shares of stock changed hands, of a value of nearly \$100,000.

Small amounts of Metropolitan Railway sold for 27 1/2 and 28, or within two dollars of the price to be paid for the stock by the syndicate. Columbia was not sold, but the bid price was 145, and the best offer of stock 148. The first payment of \$200,000 was made by Mr. Stevens on the 10th of April, and the balance will be the cost of the stock purchased by him.

The Suit Chance of the Season!

We've got to caution you about waiting—if you want a Spring Suit out of these two special lots. There won't be any more at such a saving when these are gone. Come in and slip one on.

\$6.90 \$9.23

is our special price on lot No. 1, which consists of the newest spring styles in Serges, Cassimeres, Cheviots, and Worstedes. They are the equals in every detail of style, fit, and durability to suits that are selling in other stores today for \$10 and \$12. We should like to have you prove this statement by making a comparison of prices and values.